



**EXTENDED PROGRAMS/DISTANCE LEARNING**

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Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: WT Docket No. 03-66 RM-10586

To Whom It May Concern:

I am Vice President for Extended Programs and Dean of Distance Learning at Northern Arizona University. I have been involved in the educational use of the ITFS spectrum for over 20 years. I am a past president of the National ITFS Association.

The Northern Arizona University Foundation holds the following ITFS licenses:

WLX563	Instructional Television Fixed Service	Licensed	05/24/1999	06/18/2012
WHR886	Instructional Television Fixed Service	Licensed	02/04/1998	02/04/2008
WLX223	Instructional Television Fixed Service	Licensed	07/19/1999	07/19/2009
WLX328	Instructional Television Fixed Service	Licensed	08/08/1994	06/18/2012
WLX773	Instructional Television Fixed Service	Licensed	01/22/2001	09/28/2012
WLX870	Instructional Television Fixed Service	Licensed	06/16/1997	05/13/2003
WLX883	Instructional Television Fixed Service	Licensed	02/17/1995	05/27/2003

ITFS frequencies are critical to the education community as one of the last "free" access methods for both video and data last mile connections. As we expand the reach of Northern Arizona University in delivering higher education access to the citizens of Arizona and increasingly nationally, we believe ITFS provides the best low-cost last mile delivery to instructional sites.

We support the reply comments of the WCA/NIA/CTN and the separate comments and reply comments by NIA/CTN. Most specifically we strongly support the need to retain the current eligibility requirements for ITFS licenses to ensure that future generations of Americans have access to educational programming.

Sincerely,

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Vice President for Extended Programs  
and Dean of Distance Learning